

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

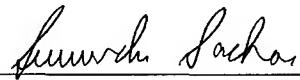
By the present preliminary amendment the specification is amended to correct minor informalities. A new Abstract believed to be in more proper format under United States practice is also submitted. No new matter is believed to be added by the specification or Abstract changes.

Further, claims 1-17 are canceled without prejudice and new claims 18-32 are presented for examination. New claims 18-32 are deemed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, including the original claims, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new matter. New claims 18-32 are also not believed to be more narrow in scope in any aspect in comparison with the canceled claims.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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